

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
one or more servers configured to:
generate an interface at a site on a network for display on a user computer, a plurality of
media files provided by a plurality of media file providers being made available to
said user computer via said network site using said interface;
define a set of metadata attributes relating to said media files, each of said metadata
attributes of the set having is to be displayed in a respective predetermined
location in said interface regardless of media file or media file provider;
receive said plurality of media files provided by said plurality of media file providers via
the network, the received media files for use with said interface;
associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said
received media files; and
map each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in
said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said associated
metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said
interface for all of said media files and media file providers,
wherein said interface comprises:
a channel description portion to display a plurality of comprising one or more
channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files
provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;
a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in
response to user selection of a chosen one of the one or more channel
selections said show description portion displays only those one or more
show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]]
an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in
response to user selection of a chosen one of the one or more show
selections said episode description portion displays only those one or more
episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and

a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the one or more servers are further configured to generate a media player interface for experiencing the media content.

4. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

one or more servers configured to:

define defining a set of metadata attributes relating to a plurality of media files, each of said metadata attributes in the set ~~having is to be displayed in~~ a respective predetermined location in an interface, said respective predetermined location for a given metadata attribute being a same location in said interface regardless of media file or media file provider; associate metadata attributes from within said defined set of metadata attributes with said plurality of media files, wherein said plurality of media files is provided by a plurality of media file providers;

utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an interface, said interface generated at a site on a [[said]] network, said media files being made available to a user computer via said network site using said interface; and

map each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in said interface, such that in said interface each of said associated media attributes appears in its respective predetermined same location for all of said media files and media [[file]] file providers,

wherein said interface comprises:

a channel description portion ~~to display a plurality of comprising one or more~~
channel selections corresponding to ~~[[access]]~~ the plurality of media files
provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;
a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in
response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ channel
selections said show description portion displays only those one or more
show selections corresponding to the ~~chosen~~ channel selection; ~~[[and]]~~
an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in
response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ show
selections said episode description portion displays only those one or more
episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and
a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content
corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the
user using the interface.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4 further comprising a local database for storing the metadata attributes.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
compiling a data file that contains one or more unique identifiers which identify one or more media files;
determining whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determining a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to one or more media files based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determining the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said

one or more media files based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file,
wherein said media content is experienced using an interface that comprises:
a channel description portion ~~to display a plurality of comprising one or more~~ channel selections corresponding to ~~[[access]]~~ the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;
a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection ~~a chosen~~ one of the ~~one or more~~ channel selections said show description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; ~~[[and]]~~
an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection ~~a chosen~~ one of the one or more show selections said episode description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and
a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on some criteria.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the data file is compiled manually.
11. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the one or more media files are provided by more than one source.
12. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
one or more servers configured to:

compile a data file that contains one or more unique identifiers which identify one or more pieces of content;
determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file,
wherein said media content is experienced using an interface that comprises:
a channel description portion to display a plurality of comprising one or more channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;
a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the one or more channel selections said show description portion displays only those one or more show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]]
an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the one or more show selections said episode description portion displays only those one or more episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and
a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is automatically compiled.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 wherein the data file is automatically compiled based on criteria chosen by one of the plurality of users.
15. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the data file is compiled manually.
16. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the one or more media files are provided by more than one source.
17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer code and comprising a tangible computer-readable storage medium storing configured to store computer code thereon, said storing computer code to configure one or more processors to:
- compile a data file that contains one or more unique identifiers which identify one or more pieces of content;
 - determine whether a user-selectable autoplay function is engaged for a given one of said plurality of users;
 - in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be engaged, determine a sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on an ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file; and
 - in a case that the autoplay function is determined to be disengaged, determine the sequence in which said user is to experience media content corresponding to said one or more pieces of content based on input from the user and without regard to the ordering of said unique identifiers in the data file,
- wherein said media content is experienced using an interface that comprises:
- a channel description portion to display a plurality of comprising one or more channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;
 - a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the one or more channel selections said show description portion displays only those one or more show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]]

an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ show selections said episode description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and
a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a title for the media file.
21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a description for the media file.
22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise a duration for the media file.
23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said metadata attributes comprise an expiration date for the media file.
24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
generating an interface at a site on a network for display on a user computer, a plurality of media files provided by more than one content provider being made available to said user computer via said network site using said interface;
authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;

defining a set of metadata attributes relating to said media files, each of said metadata attributes of the set ~~having is to be displayed in~~ a respective predetermined location in said interface regardless of the media file or media file provider; receiving a plurality of media files provided by said more than one content provider via the network, the received media files for use with said interface, wherein said plurality of media files comprises only the user's authorized media content; associating metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said received media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file; and mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for all of said media files and media file providers, wherein said interface comprises:

a channel description portion to display a plurality of comprising one or more channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;

a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ channel selections said show description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]]

an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ show selections said episode description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and

a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

25. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
one or more servers configured to:

generate an interface at a site on a network for display on a user computer, said interface comprising a region to display media content of a plurality of media files provided by a plurality of media file providers and being made available to said user computer via said network site, a region to display selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface;

define a set of metadata attributes relating to said media files, each of said metadata attributes of the set ~~having is to be displayed in~~ a respective predetermined location in said interface regardless of the media file or media file provider;

receive said plurality of media files provided by said plurality of media file providers via said network, the received media files for use with said interface;

associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said received media files;

map each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for all of said media files and media file providers,

wherein said interface comprises:

a channel description portion to display a plurality of comprising one or more channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;

a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ channel

selections said show description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]] an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ show selections said episode description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.
27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.
28. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
one or more servers configured to:
 - define a set of metadata attributes relating to a plurality of media files, each of said metadata attributes in the set having is-to-be-displayed-in a respective predetermined location in an interface, said respective predetermined location for a given metadata attribute being a same location in said interface regardless of media file or media file provider;
 - associate metadata attributes from within said defined set of metadata attributes with said plurality of media files, wherein said plurality of media files is provided by a plurality of media file providers;
 - utilize the metadata attributes to map the plurality of media files to an interface for display on a user computer, said interface generated at a site on a

[[said]] network and comprising a region to display media content of said plurality of media files, a region to display selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each media file identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each media file identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface; and

map each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in said interface, such that in said interface each of said associated media attributes appears in its respective predetermined location for all of said received media files and media file providers,

wherein said interface comprises:

a channel description portion to display a plurality of ~~comprising one or more~~ channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;

a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ channel selections said show description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]]

an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ show selections said episode description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and

a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.
31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
- generating an interface at a site on a network for display on a user computer, said interface comprising a region to display media content of a plurality of media files provided by a plurality of media file providers and being made available to said user computer via said network site, a region to display selectable indicia corresponding to one or more playlists, a region to display indicia of each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists, and a region to display selectable indicia of an autoplay function configured to control an order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is to be experienced using said interface;
 - authenticating said user's authorization to access certain media content;
 - defining a set of metadata attributes relating to said media files, each of said metadata attributes of the set ~~having to be displayed in~~ a respective predetermined location in said interface regardless of the media file or media file provider;
 - receiving said plurality of media files for use with said interface;
 - associating metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said plurality of media files, wherein the metadata attributes comprises a title for each media file;
 - mapping each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for all of said media files and said media file providers; and
 - filtering said plurality of media files based on said user's authorization to access certain media content such that said user interface includes selectable indicia for only those media files corresponding to said certain media content,
- wherein said interface comprises:

a channel description portion to display a plurality of ~~comprising one or more~~ channel selections corresponding to [[access]] the plurality of media files provided by the plurality of media file providers for selection by said user;
a show description portion to display one or more show selections, and in response to user selection of a ~~chosen~~ one of the ~~one or more~~ channel selections said show description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ show selections corresponding to the chosen channel selection; [[and]]
an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in response to user selection of a ~~chosen~~ one of the ~~one or more~~ show selections said episode description portion displays only those ~~one or more~~ episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and
a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the channel, show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said autoplay function is configured to control whether said order in which each of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists is determined based on contents of said selected one of said playlists or based on user input.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein said user input comprises selection of one or more of said indicia of said plurality of media files identified by a selected one of said playlists.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
determining media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.
35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein said one or more servers are further configured to:

determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~tangible computer readable medium~~ program product of claim 17, wherein the computer code further comprises computer code to configure one or more processors to:

determine media content other than said media content corresponding to said one or more media files for said user to experience while waiting for said user input.

37. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

one or more servers configured to:

generate an interface at a site on a network for display on a user computer, media files provided by a plurality of media file providers being made available to said user computer via said network site using said interface;

define a set of metadata attributes relating to said media files, each of said metadata attributes of the set ~~having is to be displayed in~~ a respective predetermined location in said interface regardless of media file or media file provider;

receive said a plurality of media files provided by said plurality of media file providers via the network, the received media files for use with said interface;

associate metadata attributes from the set of metadata attributes with each of said received media files; and

map each of said associated metadata attributes to its respective predetermined location in said interface, so that in said interface for said user each of said associated metadata attributes appears at its respective predetermined location in said interface for all of said media files and media file providers,

wherein said interface comprises:

a show description portion to display one or more show selections; [[and]]

an episode description portion to display one or more episode selections, and in

response to user selection of a chosen one of the ~~one or more~~ show selections said episode description portion displays only those one or more episode selections corresponding to the chosen show selection; and

a viewer to view media file content at the user computer, the media file content corresponding to the show and episode selections made by the user using the interface.